Surveys and research work undertaken by Labour Bureau in Simla

3200. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the special surveys and research works which the Labour Bureau in Simla has recently undertaken;

(b) whether the Bureau has made any perspective plan about the survey and research work it must undertaken in the near future;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what are the surveys with regard to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities which they have undertaken; and

(e) what is its relevance?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) Special surveys and research work which Labour Bureau, Simla has recently undertaken are as given below:—

(1) At the instance of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare, Labour Bureau has undertaken All India surveys relating to Working and Living Conditions of Bidi Workers in the Unorganised Sector of Industry and Socio-Economic Conditions of Women Workers in Bidi Industry,

(2) Survey of Labour Conditions of Workers in the Plastic Articles Industry has been completed,

(3) Occupational Wage Survey (5th round) comprising 57 industries is in progress. The field work of the Ist Phase comprising 9 industries has been completed and the second phase covering 6 industries is in progress.

(4) Pilot Study relating to the Survey of Evaluation of Minimum Wages Act, 1948 in the Scheduled Employment 'Tobacco (including Bidi Making) Manufactories' in the State of Andhra Pradesh has been completed and the main study is proposed to be launched shortly.

(b) and (c) The surveys|studies proposed to be conducted by the Labour Bureau in the near future are as follows:

(i) Survey of working and living conditions of workers in fisheries industries in the unorganised sector of industry,

(ii) Survey of Socio-Economic conditions of Scheduled Tribes at Belgaun,

(iii) Survey of working and living conditions of Scheduled Caste workers engaged in unclean occupations at Aligarh|Ghaziabad,

(iv) Survey of contract Labour in (a) Ports (b) Computer Industry,

(v) Survey of socio-economic conditions of women workers in (a) Beedi (b) Ready made Garments Industry,

(vi) Occupational Wage Survey (5th round) in the remaining industries out of 57 selected industries.

(d) Following surveys with regard to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities have been undertaken:

(i) Working and Living Conditions of Scheduled Castes in Unclean Occupations including Sweepers and Scavengers, Flayers and Tanners etc. in urban areas;

(ii) Socio-Economic studies of Scheduled Tribe Workers in Industrial cities

(e) The studies|surveys provide requisite data for planning and formulating effective measures for amelioration of the conditions of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe workers.